

# Going Blue Cod Fishing?

Look after the cod and be a responsible fisher

**Did you know:** “Choosing the right hook makes it easier to release fish. And it increases their chance of survival.”



For blue cod



Use only 6/0 or larger  
circle hooks with no  
offset



If the fish is gut hooked, cut the line  
as close to the hook as possible,  
without pulling on the line.



## Do use

Circle hooks with  
zero offset



Circle hooks and  
pinch barb



## Don't use

Circle hooks with  
offset



Circle hooks with  
barbs



Treble hooks



### General things to consider when choosing a hook:

- Pinch the barb on your hooks using fishing pliers to reduce the size of the entry wound of the hook.
- Only use one hook per rod – using multi-hook rigs inevitably means fish are poorly handled and have less chance of surviving when returned.

**Circle hooks work by hooking in the front of the mouth. This means fish do not have deep hooking injuries and are easier to unhook.**

